Assistance to A.P. for controlling Animal diseases

5143. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central assistance is being provided to Andhra Pradesh for control of animal diseases in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) how the State is controlling the animal diseases with the names of agencies etc., if any associated with it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For controlling animal diseases grants-in-aid of Rs. 40.18 lakh, Rs.45.27 lakh and Rs.57.47 lakh have been provided to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years *i.e.*, 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 respectively.

(c) The Animal Husbandry Department of the Government of Andhra Pradesh is controlling the animal diseases by utilizing the funds released by the Central Government.

Assistance for Senile Cashew Plantation in Andhra Pradesh

5144. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Assistance has been provided to Andhra Pradesh for replanting of Senile Cashew Plantations with improved high yielding varieties;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the total area of Senile Cashew Plantations in the State which have been replanted with improved varieties, so far; and

(d) whether any target has been set for this year, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) and (b) Assistance is being provided to the State Governments including Andhra Pradesh under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture -Supplementation/ Complementation of State Efforts through Work Plans for various activities including development of Cashew. Under this Scheme, the State Governments can prioritize their activities as per their felt needs and requirements. The Government of Andhra Pradesh did not take up any programme for replanting of Senile Cashew Plantation in the State during 2000-01 and 2001-02. An outlay of Rs.27.30 lakhs was earmarked in the Work Plan of 2002-03 for replanting of Senile Cashew plantations.